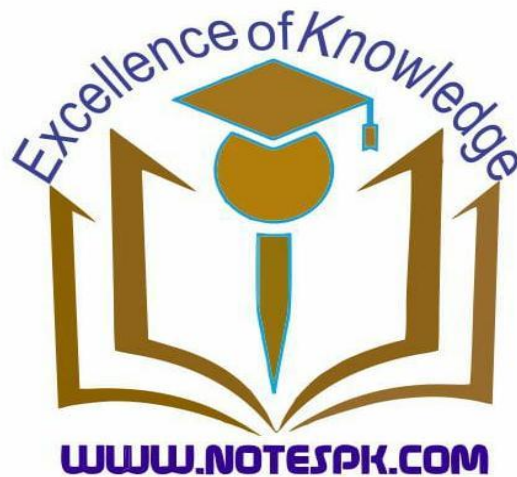


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# Chapter 3.

## **LOGARITHM**



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**Scientific Notation:**

A number written in the form  $a \times 10^n$ , where  $1 \leq a \leq 10$  and  $n$  is an integer, is called the scientific notation.

**Example:**

Write each of the following ordinary numbers in scientific notation.

**Solution:**

$$(i) \ 30600 = 3.06 \times 10^4$$

(move decimal point four places to the left)

$$(ii) \ 0.000058 = 5.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

(move decimal point five places to the right)

**Example:**

Change each of the following numbers from scientific notation to ordinary notation.

**Solution:**

$$(i) \ 6.35 \times 10^6 = 6350000$$

(Move the decimal point six places to the right)

$$(ii) \ 7.61 \times 10^{-4} = 0.000761$$

(Move the decimal point four places to the left)

**Exercise 3.1**

**Question.1. Express each of the following numbers in scientific notation.**

(i). 5700

**Solution.**

$$5700 = 5 \wedge 700.$$

$$5700 = 5.7 \times 10^3$$

**Answer.**

(ii). 49,800,000

**Solution.**

$$49,800,000 = 4 \wedge 9,800,000.$$

$$49,800,000 = 4.98 \times 10^7$$

**Answer.**

(iii). 96,000,000

**Solution.**

$$96,000,000 = 9 \wedge 6,000,000.$$

$$96,000,000 = 9.6 \times 10^7$$

**Answer.**

(iv). 416.9

**Solution.**

$$416.9 = 4 \wedge 16.9$$

$$416.9 = 4.169 \times 10^2$$

**Answer.**

(v). 83,000

**Solution.**

$$83,000 = 8 \wedge 3,000.$$

$$83,000 = 8.3 \times 10^4$$

**Answer.**

(vi). 0.00643

**Solution.**

$$0.00643 = 0.006 \wedge 43$$

$$0.00643 = 6.43 \times 10^{-3}$$

**Answer.**

(vii). 0.0074

**Solution.**

$$0.0074 = 0.007 \wedge 4$$

$$0.0074 = 7.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

**Answer.**

(viii). 60,000,000

**Solution.**

$$60,000,000 = 6 \wedge 0,000,000.$$

$$60,000,000 = 6.0 \times 10^7$$

**Answer.**

(ix). 0.0000000395

**Solution.**

$$0.0000000395 = 0.00000003 \wedge 95$$

$$0.0000000395 = 3.95 \times 10^{-9}$$

**Answer.**

$$(x). \frac{275,000}{0.0025}$$

**Solution.**

$$\frac{275,000}{0.0025} = \frac{2 \wedge 75000.}{0.002 \wedge 5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{275,000}{0.0025} &= \frac{2.75 \times 10^5}{2.5 \times 10^{-3}} \\ &= \frac{2.75}{2.5} \times 10^5 \times 10^3 \\ &= 1.1 \times 10^{5+3} \\ &= 1.1 \times 10^8 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

**Question.2. Express the following numbers in ordinary notation.**

(i).  $6 \times 10^{-4}$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \times 10^{-4} &= \frac{6}{10^4} \\ &= \frac{6}{10000} \\ &= 0.0006 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(ii).  $5.06 \times 10^{10}$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} 5.06 \times 10^{10} &= 5.06 \times 10,000,000,000 \\ &= 50,600,000,000. \end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(iii).  $9.018 \times 10^{-6}$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} 9.018 \times 10^{-6} &= \frac{9.018}{10^6} \\ &= \frac{9.018}{1,000,000} \\ &= 0.000009018 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(iv).  $7.865 \times 10^8$

**Solution.**

$$7.865 \times 10^8 = 7.865 \times 100,000,000 \\ = 786,500,000.$$

**Answer.**

**Logarithm of real numbers:**

if  $a^x = y$  then  $x$  is called the logarithm of  $y$  to the base " $a$ " and its written as  $\log_a y = x$  where  $a > 0, a \neq 1$  and  $y > 0$

i.e the logarithm of a number  $y$  to the base " $a$ " is the index  $x$  of the power to which  $a$  must be raised to get that number  $y$ .

the relation  $a^x = y$  and  $\log_a y = x$  are equivalent

When one relation is given, it can be converted into the other. Thus

$$a^x = y \Leftrightarrow \log_a y = x$$

**Example: find  $\log_4 2$  i.e. find log of 2 to the Base 4.**

**Solution:**

Let  $\log_4 2 = x$

then its exponential form is  $4^x = 2$

$$\text{i.e. } 2^{2x} = 2^1 \Rightarrow 2x = 1$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \log_4 2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Deductions from Definition of logarithm**

$$1. \text{ Since } a^0 = 1, \log_a 1 = 0$$

$$2. \text{ Since } a^1 = a, \log_a a = 1$$

**Common logarithm:**

If the base of logarithm is taken as 10 then logarithm is called Common Logarithm.

**Characteristic:**

The integral part of the logarithm of any number is called the characteristic.

**Mantissa:** the fractional part of the logarithm of a number is called the mantissa. Mantissa is always positive.

**Example: find the mantissa of the logarithm of 43.254**

**Solution:**

Rounding off 43.254 we consider only the four significant digits 4325.

- We first locate the row corresponding to 43 in the log tables and
- Proceed horizontally till we reach the column corresponding to 2. The number at the intersection is 6355.
- Again proceeding horizontally till the mean difference column corresponding to 5 intersects this row. We get the number 5 at the intersection.
- Adding the two numbers 6355 and 5 we get .6360 as the mantissa of the logarithm of 43.25

**Example:**

**Find the mantissa of the logarithm of 0.002347**

**Solution:**

Here also, we consider only the four significant digits 2347

We first locate the row corresponding to 23 in the logarithm tables and proceeding to 4 the resulting

number 3692. The number at the intersection of this row and the mean difference column corresponding to 7 is 13. Hence the sum of 3692 and 13 gives the mantissa of the logarithm of 0.002347 as 0.3705

**Example:**

1. Find  $\log 278.23$

2.  $\log 0.07058$

**Solution:**

1. 278.22 can be rounded off as 278.22

The characteristic is 2 and the mantissa, using log tables, is .4443

$$\therefore \log 278.23 = 2.4443$$

2. The characteristic of  $\log 0.07058$  is  $-2$  which is written as  $\bar{2}$  by convention.

Using log tables the mantissa is .8487, so that

$$\log 0.07058 = \bar{2}.8487$$

**Example:**

**Find the numbers whose logarithms are**

(i) 1.3247

(ii)  $\bar{2}.1324$

**Solution:**

(i) 1.3247

$$\text{antilog } 1.3247 = 21.12$$

(ii)  $\bar{2}.1324$

$$\text{antilog}(\bar{2}.1324) \text{ is } 0.01356$$

### Example 3.2

**Question.1. Find the common logarithm of the following numbers:**

(i). 232.92

**Solution.**

$$\text{Characteristics} = 2$$

$$\text{Mantisa} = 0.3672$$

$$\log(232.92) = 2.3672$$

**Answer.**

(ii). 29.326

**Solution.**

$$\text{Characteristics} = 1$$

$$\text{Mantisa} = 0.4672$$

$$\log(29.326) = 1.4672$$

**Answer.**

(iii). 0.00032

**Solution.**

$$\text{Characteristics} = -4$$

$$\text{Mantisa} = 0.5051$$

$$\log(0.00032) = \bar{4}.5051$$

**Answer.**

(iv). 0.3206

**Solution.**

$$\text{Characteristics} = -1$$

$$\text{Mantisa} = 0.5059$$

$$\log(0.3206) = \bar{1}.5059$$

**Answer.**

**Question.2.** If  $\log 31.09 = 1.4926$ , find the values of the following

(i).  $\log 3.109$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= 0 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.4926 \\ \log(3.109) &= 0.4926\end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(ii).  $\log 310.9$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= 2 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.4926 \\ \log(310.9) &= 2.4926\end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(iii).  $\log 0.003109$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= -3 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.4926 \\ \log(0.003109) &= \bar{3}.4926\end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

(iv).  $\log 0.3109$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= -1 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.4926 \\ \log(0.3109) &= \bar{1}.4926\end{aligned}$$

**Answer.**

**Question.3.** Find the number whose common logarithms are:

(i). 3.5621

**Solution.**

Since it is log of any number. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= 3 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.5621\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mantisa in antilog} = 3.6484$$

Characteristics change the place of decimal.

So

$$\text{Anti} - \log(3.5621) = 3648.4$$

**Answer.**

(ii).  $\bar{1}.7427$

**Solution.**

Since it is log of any number. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Characteristics} &= -1 \\ \text{Mantisa} &= 0.7427\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mantisa in antilog} = 5.5297$$

Characteristics change the place of decimal.

So

$$\text{Anti} - \log(\bar{1}.7427) = 0.5530$$

**Answer.**

**Question.4.** what replacement for the unknown in each of the following will make the statement true?

(i).  $\log_3 81 = L$

**Solution.**

$$\log_3 81 = L$$

**Exponential Form**

$$3^L = 81$$

$$3^L = 3^4$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 4.$$

(ii).  $\log_a 6 = 0.5$

**Solution.**

$$\log_a 6 = 0.5$$

**Exponential Form**

$$a^{0.5} = 6$$

$$a^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6$$

**Squaring on both sides, we have**

$$\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = 6^2$$

$$a = 36.$$

(iii).  $\log_5 n = 2$

**Solution.**

$$\log_5 n = 2$$

**Exponential Form**

$$5^2 = n$$

$$25 = n$$

$$n = 25.$$

(iv).  $10^p = 40$

**Solution.**

$$10^p = 40$$

**Logarithm Form**

$$\log_{10} 40 = p$$

$$p = \log_{10} 40$$

$$p = 1.6021$$

**Question.5. Evaluate**

(i).  $\log_2 \frac{1}{128}$

**Solution.**

Let

$$x = \log_2 \frac{1}{128}$$

**Exponential Form**

$$2^x = \frac{1}{128}$$

$$2^x = \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}$$

$$2^x = 2^{-7}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -7$$

**Answer.**

(ii).  $\log 512$  to the base  $2\sqrt{2}$ .

**Solution.**

Let

$$x = \log_{2\sqrt{2}} 512$$

Exponential Form

$$(2\sqrt{2})^x = 512$$

$$(2 \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}})^x = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$(2^{1+\frac{1}{2}})^x = 2^9$$

$$(2^{\frac{2+1}{2}})^x = 2^9$$

$$(2^{\frac{3}{2}})^x = 2^9$$

$$2^{\frac{3x}{2}} = 2^9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{2} = 9$$

$$3x = 18$$

$$x = \frac{18}{3}$$

$$x = 6$$

Answer.

**Question.6. Evaluate the value of "x" from the following statements.**

(i).  $\log_2 x = 5$

Solution.

$$\log_2 x = 5$$

Exponential Form

$$2^5 = x$$

$$x = 2^5$$

$$x = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$x = 32$$

(ii).  $\log_{81} 9 = x$

Solution.

$$\log_{81} 9 = x$$

Exponential Form

$$81^x = 9$$

$$(9 \times 9)^x = 9$$

$$9^{2x} = 9^1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Answer.

(iii).  $\log_{64} 8 = \frac{x}{2}$

Solution.

$$\log_{64} 8 = \frac{x}{2}$$

Exponential Form

$$(64)^{\frac{x}{2}} = 8$$

$$(8 \times 8)^{\frac{x}{2}} = 8$$

$$(8^2)^{\frac{x}{2}} = 8$$

$$8^x = 8^1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

Answer.

(iv).  $\log_x 64 = 2$

Solution.

$$\log_x 64 = 2$$

Exponential Form

$$(x)^2 = 64$$

Taking square root on both sides

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{64}$$

$$x = 8$$

Answer.

(v).  $\log_3 x = 4$

Solution.

$$\log_3 x = 4$$

Exponential Form

$$3^4 = x$$

$$x = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$x = 81$$

Answer.



## Laws of Logarithm

- (i)  $\log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$   
 (ii)  $\log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$   
 (iii)  $\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$   
 (iv)  $\log_a n = \log_b n \times \log_a b$

$$\text{or } = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$$

(i)

$$\log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

Proof:

$$\text{Let } \log_a m = x \text{ and } \log_a n = y$$

Writing in exponential form

$$a^x = m \text{ and } a^y = n$$

$$\therefore a^x \times a^y = mn$$

$$\text{i.e. } a^{x+y} = mn$$

$$\text{or } \log_a(mn) = x + y = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

$$\text{hence } \log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

*the rule given above is useful in finding the*

Product of two or more numbers using logarithms

**Example:****Evaluate  $291.3 \times 42.36$** **Solution:**

$$\text{let } x = 291.3 \times 42.36$$

$$\text{Then } \log x = \log(291.3 \times 42.36)$$

$$= \log 291.3 + \log 42.36$$

$$(\log_a mn = \log_a m + \log_a n)$$

$$= 2.4643 + 1.6269 = 4.0912$$

$$x = \text{antilog } 4.0912 = 12340$$

**Example:**

$$\text{Evaluate } 0.2913 \times 0.004236$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } y = 0.2913 \times 0.004236$$

$$\text{then } \log y = \log 0.2913 + \log 0.004236$$

$$\log y = \bar{1}.4643 + \bar{3}.6269$$

$$\log y = \bar{3}.0912$$

$$y = \text{antilog } \bar{3}.0912$$

$$y = 0.001234$$

$$(ii) \log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \log_a m = x \text{ and } \log_a n = y$$

$$\text{So that } a^x = m \text{ and } a^y = n$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^x}{a^y} = \frac{m}{n} \Rightarrow a^{x-y} = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = x - y = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

$$\text{Hence } \log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

**Note:**

$$(i) \log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \neq \frac{\log_a m}{\log_a n}$$

$$(ii) \log_a m - \log_a n \neq \log_a(m - n)$$

$$(iii) \log_a \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \log_a 1 - \log_a n = -\log_a n \dots$$

$$\therefore \log_a 1 = 0$$

**Note:**

$$(i) \log_a(mn) \neq \log_a m \times \log_a n$$

$$(ii) \log_a m + \log_a n \neq \log_a(m + n)$$

$$(iii) \log_a(mnp) = \log_a m + \log_a n + \log_a p + \dots$$

**Example:**

$$\text{Evaluate } \frac{291.3}{42.36}$$

$$\text{let } x = \frac{291.3}{42.36} \text{ so that } \log x = \log \frac{291.3}{42.36}$$

$$\text{Then } \log x = \log 291.33 - \log 42.36, \dots$$

$$(\log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n)$$

$$\log x = 2.4643 - 1.6269 = 0.8374$$

$$\text{Thus } x = \text{antilog } 0.8374 = 6.877$$

**Example:**

$$\text{Evaluate } \frac{0.0002913}{0.04236}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{let } y = \frac{0.0002913}{0.04236} \text{ so that}$$

$$\log y = \log \left( \frac{0.002913}{0.04236} \right)$$

$$\text{Then } \log y = \log 0.002913 - \log 0.04236$$

$$\log y = \bar{3}.4643 - \bar{2}.6269$$

$$= \bar{3} + (0.4643 - 0.6269) - \bar{2}$$

$$= \bar{3} - 0.1626 - \bar{2}$$

$$= \bar{3} + (1 - 0.1626) - 1 - \bar{2}$$

(adding and subtraction 1)

$$= \bar{2}.8374$$

$$[\because \bar{3} - 1 - \bar{2} = -3 - 1 - (-2) = -2 = \bar{2}]$$

$$\text{Therefore, } y = \text{antilog } \bar{2}.8374$$

$$y = 0.06877$$

$$(iii) \log_a(m^n) = n \log_a m$$

**Proof:**

$$\text{let } \log_a m^n = x, \text{ i.e. } a^x = m^n$$

$$\text{And } \log_a m = y, \text{ i.e. } a^y = m$$

$$\text{then } a^x = m^n = (a^y)^n$$

$$\text{i.e. } a^x = (a^y)^n = a^{yn} \Rightarrow x = ny$$

$$\text{i.e. } \log_a m^n = n \log_a m$$

**Example:**

$$\text{Evaluate } 4\sqrt{(0.0163)^3} = (0.0163)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{let } y = 4\sqrt{(0.0163)^3} = (0.0163)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\log y = \frac{3}{4} (\log 0.0163)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \bar{2}.2122$$

$$= \frac{\bar{6}.6366}{4}$$

$$= \bar{8} + 2.6366$$

$$= \bar{2} + 0.6592 = \bar{2}.6592$$

$$\text{Hence } y = \text{antilog } \bar{2}.6592$$

$$= 0.04562$$

**(iv) Change of base formula:**

$$\log_a n = \log_b n \times \log_a b \text{ or } \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$$

**Proof:**

let  $\log_b n = x$  so that  $n = b^x$

Taking log to the base  $a$ , we have

$$\log_a n = \log_a b^x = x \log_a b = \log_b n \log_a b$$

Thus  $\log_a n = \log_b n \log_a b \rightarrow (i)$

Putting  $n = a$  in the above result, we get

$$\log_b a \times \log_a b = \log_a^a = 1$$

$$\text{or } \log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$$

hence equation (i) gives

$$\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a} \rightarrow (ii)$$

Using the above rule, a natural logarithm can be converted to a common logarithm and vice versa.

$$\log_e n = \log_{10} n \times \log_e 10 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\log_{10} n}{\log_{10} e}$$

$$\log_{10} n = \log_e n \times \log_{10} e \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\log_e n}{\log_e 10}$$

The values of  $\log_e 10$  and  $\log_{10} e$  are available from the tables.

$$\log_e 10 = \frac{1}{0.4343} = 2.3026 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\log_{10} e = \log 2.718 = 0.4343$$

**Example:**

**Calculate  $\log_2 3 \times \log_3 8$**

**Solution:**

We know that

$$\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$$

$$\therefore \log_2 3 \times \log_3 8 = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \times \frac{\log 8}{\log 3}$$

$$\frac{\log 8}{\log 2} = \frac{\log 2^3}{\log 2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \log 2}{\log 2} = 3$$

### Example 3.3

. Which of the following into sum of difference.

(i)  $\log(A \times B)$

Sol:  $\log(A \times B) = \log A + \log B$

(ii)  $\log\left(\frac{15.2}{30.5}\right)$

Sol:  $\log\left(\frac{15.2}{30.5}\right) = \log 15.2 - \log 30.5$

(iii)  $\log\left(\frac{21 \times 5}{8}\right)$

Sol:  $\log\left(\frac{21 \times 5}{8}\right) = \log 21 + \log 5 - \log 8$

(iv)  $\log \sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{15}}$

Sol:  $\log\left(\frac{7}{15}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}(\log \frac{7}{15})$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(\log 7 - \log 15)$$

(v)  $\log \frac{(22)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{5^3}$

Sol:  $\log \frac{(22)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{5^3} = \log(22)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \log 5^3$

$$\log \frac{(22)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{5^3} = \frac{1}{3} \log 22 - 3 \log 5$$

(iii)  $\log\left(\frac{25 \times 47}{29}\right)$

Sol:  $\log\left(\frac{25 \times 47}{29}\right) = \log 25 + \log 47 - \log 29$

Q#2) Express  $\log x - 2 \log x + 3 \log(x+1) - \log(x^2 - 1)$  as a single logarithm.

Sol:  $\log x - 2 \log x + 3 \log(x+1) - \log(x^2 - 1)$   
 $= \log x - \log x^2 + \log(x+1)^3 - \log(x^2 - 1)$

$$= \log \left( \frac{x(x+1)^3}{x^2(x^2-1)} \right)$$

$$= \log \left( \frac{(x+1)^3}{x(x-1)(x+1)} \right)$$

$$= \log \left( \frac{(x+1)^2}{x(x-1)} \right)$$

Q#3) Write the following in the single logarithm.

(i)  $\log 21 + \log 5$

Sol:  $\log 21 + \log 5 = \log(21 \times 5)$

(ii)  $\log 25 - 2 \log 3$

Sol:  $\log 25 - 2 \log 3 = \log 25 - \log 3^2$

$$= \log \frac{25}{3^2}$$

(iii)  $2 \log x - 3 \log y$

Sol:  $2 \log x - 3 \log y = \log x^2 - \log y^3$

$$= \log \frac{x^2}{y^3}$$

(iv)  $\log 5 + \log 6 - \log 2$

Sol:  $\log 5 + \log 6 - \log 2 = \log\left(\frac{5 \times 6}{2}\right)$

Q#4) calculate the following:

(i).  $\log_3 2 \times \log_2 81$

Sol:  $\log_3 2 \times \log_2 81$

(using  $\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$ )

$$\log_3 2 \times \log_2 81 = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 81}{\log 2}$$



$$= \frac{\log 3^4}{\log 3}$$

$$= \frac{4 \log 3}{\log 3}$$

$$= 4$$

(i).  $\log_5 3 \times \log_3 25$

Sol:  $\log_5 3 \times \log_3 25$

(using  $\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$ )

$$\log_5 3 \times \log_3 25 = \frac{\log 3}{\log 5} \times \frac{\log 25}{\log 3}$$

$$= \frac{\log 5^2}{\log 5}$$

$$= \frac{2 \log 5}{\log 5}$$

$$= 2$$

Q#5) If  $\log 2 = 0.3010$ ,  $\log 3 = 0.4171$ , and  $\log 5 = 0.6990$ , then find the values of the following:

(i).  $\log 32$

Sol:  $\log 32 = \log 2^5 = 5 \log 2 = 5 (0.3010)$

$$= 1.5050$$

(ii).  $\log 24$

Sol:  $\log 24 = \log(2^3 \times 3) = \log 2^3 + \log 3$

$$= 3 \log 2 + \log 3 = 3 (0.3010) + (0.4171)$$

$$= 0.9030 + 0.4171 = 1.3801$$

(iii).  $\log \sqrt{3\frac{1}{3}}$

Sol:  $\log \sqrt{3\frac{1}{3}} = \log \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}} = \log \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{10}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\log 10 - \log 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\log(2 \times 5) - \log 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\log 2 + \log 5 - \log 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.3010 + 0.6990 - 0.4171)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.5229)$$

$$= 0.2615$$

(iv).  $\log \frac{8}{3}$

Sol:  $\log \frac{8}{3} = \log 8 - \log 3 = \log 2^3 - \log 3$

$$= 3 \log 2 - \log 3 = 3 (0.3010) - 0.4171$$

$$= 0.9030 - 0.4171$$

$$= 0.4259$$

(v).  $\log 30$

Sol:  $\log 30 = \log(2 \times 5 \times 3) =$

$$= \log 2 + \log 5 + \log 3$$

$$= 0.3010 + 0.6990 + 0.4171$$

$$= 1.4771$$

### Application of logarithm

**Example:**

**Show that**

$$7 \log \frac{16}{15} + 5 \log \frac{25}{24} + \log \frac{81}{80} = \log 2$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= 7 \log \frac{16}{15} + 5 \log \frac{25}{24} + \log \frac{81}{80} \\ &= 7[\log 16 - \log 15] + 5[\log 25 - \log 24] + 3[\log 81 - \log 80] \\ &= 7[\log 2^4 - \log(3 \times 5)] + 5[\log 5^2 - \log(2^3 \times 3)] + 3[\log 3^4 - \log(2^4 \times 5)] \\ &= 7[4 \log 2 - \log 3 - \log 5] \\ &\quad + 5[2 \log 5 - 3 \log 2 - \log 3] + 3[4 \log 3 - 4 \log 2 - \log 5] \\ &= (28 - 15 - 12) \log 2 + (-7 - 5 + 12) \log 3 \\ &\quad + (-7 + 10 - 3) \log 5 \\ &= \log 2 + 0 + 0 = \log 2 = R.H.S \end{aligned}$$

**Example**

**Evaluate**  $3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.079222 \times (18.99)^2}{(5.79)^4 \times 0.94744}}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } y &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.079222 \times (18.99)^2}{(5.79)^4 \times 0.94744}} \\ &= \left( \frac{0.079222 \times (18.99)^2}{(5.79)^4 \times 0.94744} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ \log y &= \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{0.079222 \times (18.99)^2}{(5.79)^4 \times 0.94744} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [\log \{0.07921 \times (18.99)\} \\ &\quad - \log \{(5.79)^2 \times 0.9474\}] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [\log 0.07921 + 2 \log 18.99 - 4 \log 5.79 \\ &\quad - \log 0.9474] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [\bar{2}.8988 + 2(1.2786) - 4(0.7627) - \bar{1}.9765] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [\bar{2}.8988 + 2.5572 - 3.0508 + 1 - 0.9765] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (\bar{2}.4287) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (\bar{3} + 1.4287) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + 0.4762 = 1.4762$$

$$y = \text{antilog } 1.4762 = 0.299333$$

**Example:**

Given  $A = A_0 e^{-kd}$  if  $k = 2$  what should be the Value of  $d$  to make  $A = \frac{A_0}{2}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given that } A = A_0 e^{-kd} \Rightarrow \frac{A}{A_0} = e^{-kd}$$

$$\text{Subtracting } k = 2 \text{ and } A = \frac{A_0}{2}, \text{ we get } \frac{1}{2} = e^{-2d}$$

Taking common log on both sides

$$\log_{10} 1 - \log_{10} 2 = -2d \log_{10} e$$

Where  $e = 2.718$

$$0 - 0.3010 = -2d(0.4343)$$

$$d = \frac{0.3010}{2 \times 0.4343} = 0.3465$$

### Example 3.4

**1. Using log tables to find the value of.**

**(i)  $0.8176 \times 13.64$**

**Sol:** Let  $x = 0.8176 \times 13.64$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log(0.8176 \times 13.64)$$

$$= \log 0.8176 + \log 13.64$$

(In log 0.8176, the ch. is  $\bar{1}$  we find the log(8.176)

which is 0.9125, so combine both that is

$$\log 0.8176 = \bar{1} + 0.9125 = \bar{1}.9125$$

$$= \bar{1}.9125 + 1.1348$$

$$= -1 + 0.9125 + 1.1348$$

$$= -0.0875 + 1.1348$$

$$\log x = 1.0473$$

Taking anti-log on both sides, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(1.0473)$$

$$x = 11.15$$

**(ii)  $(789.5)^{\frac{1}{8}}$**

**Sol:** Let  $x = (789.5)^{\frac{1}{8}}$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log(789.5)^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [\log(789.5)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [2.8974] = \frac{2.8974}{8}$$

$$\log x = 0.3622$$

Taking anti-log on both sides, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(0.3622)$$

$$x = 2.302$$

**(iii)  $\frac{0.678 \times 9.01}{0.0234}$**

**Sol:** Let  $x = \frac{0.678 \times 9.01}{0.0234}$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log \left( \frac{0.678 \times 9.01}{0.0234} \right)$$

$$= \log(0.678) + \log(9.01) - \log(0.0234)$$

$$= \bar{1}.8312 + 0.9547 - \bar{2}.3692$$

$$= (-1 + 0.8312) + 0.9547 - (-2 + 0.3692)$$

$$= (-0.1688) + 0.9547 - (-1.6308)$$

$$= -0.1688 + 0.9547 + 1.6308$$

$$= 2.4163$$

$$\log x = 2.4163$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(2.4163)$$

$$x = 261$$

$$\text{(iv) } \sqrt[5]{2.709} \times \sqrt[7]{1.239}$$

$$\text{Sol: Let } x = \sqrt[5]{2.709} \times \sqrt[7]{1.239}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log(\sqrt[5]{2.709} \times \sqrt[7]{1.239})$$

$$= \log(2.709)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \log(1.239)^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} [\log(2.709)] + \frac{1}{7} [\log(1.239)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} [0.4328] + \frac{1}{7} [0.1931]$$

$$= \frac{0.4328}{5} + \frac{0.1931}{7}$$

$$= 0.0866 + 0.0133$$

$$\log x = 0.0999$$

Taking anti-log on both sides, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(0.0999)$$

$$x = 1.258$$

$$\text{(v) } \frac{(1.23)(0.6975)}{(0.0075)(1278)}$$

$$\text{Sol: Let } x = \frac{(1.23)(0.6975)}{(0.0075)(1278)}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log \left( \frac{(1.23)(0.6975)}{(0.0075)(1278)} \right)$$

$$= \log(1.23) + \log(0.6975) - \log(0.0075) - \log(1278)$$

$$= 0.0899 + \bar{1}.8435 - \bar{3}.8751 - 3.1065$$

$$= 0.0899 + (-1 + 0.8435) - (-3 + 0.8751) - 3.1065$$

$$= 0.0899 + (-0.1565) - (-2.1249) - 3.1065$$

$$= 0.0899 - 0.1565 + 2.1249 - 3.1065$$

$$\log x = -1.0482$$

Adding and subtracting 2 on R.H.S

$$\log x = -2 + 2 - 1.0482$$

$$\log x = \bar{2} + (2 - 1.0482)$$

$$\log x = \bar{2} + (0.9518)$$

$$\log x = \bar{2}.9518$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(\bar{2}.9518)$$

(Here  $\text{Antilog}(0.9518) = 8.50$  but Ch.  $\bar{2}$  indicates that point will move two digits to left side)

$$x = 0.0850$$

$$\text{(iii) } \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.7214 \times 20.37}{60.8}}$$

$$\text{Sol: Let } x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.7214 \times 20.37}{60.8}}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.7214 \times 20.37}{60.8}} \right)$$

$$= \log \left( \frac{0.7214 \times 20.37}{60.8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3} [\log(0.7214) + \log(20.37) - \log(60.8)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [\bar{1}.8582 + 1.3090 - 1.7839] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [-1 + 0.8582 + 1.3090 - 1.7839] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [-0.1418 + 1.3090 - 1.7839] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [-0.6157] \\
 &= -\frac{0.6157}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\log x = -0.2056$$

Adding and subtracting 1 on R.H.S

$$\log x = -1 + 1 - 0.2056$$

$$\log x = \bar{1} + (1 - 0.2056)$$

$$\log x = \bar{1} + (0.7944)$$

$$\log x = \bar{1}.7944$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(\bar{1}.7944)$$

(Here  $\text{Antilog}(0.7944) = 6.229$  but Ch.  $\bar{1}$  indicates that point will move one digits to left side)

$$x = 0.6229$$

$$(v) \frac{83 \times \sqrt[3]{92}}{127 \times \sqrt[5]{246}}$$

$$\text{Sol: Let } x = \frac{83 \times \sqrt[3]{92}}{127 \times \sqrt[5]{246}}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log \left( \frac{83 \times \sqrt[3]{92}}{127 \times \sqrt[5]{246}} \right)$$

$$= \log(83) + \log(92)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \log(127) - \log(246)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= \log(83) + \frac{1}{3} \log(92) - \log(127) - \frac{1}{5} \log(246)$$

$$= 1.9191 + \frac{1}{3}(1.9638) - 2.1038 - \frac{1}{5}(2.3909)$$

$$= 1.9191 + \frac{1.9638}{3} - 2.1038 - \frac{2.3909}{5}$$

$$= 1.9191 + 0.6546 - 2.1038 - 0.4782$$

$$\log x = 1.9917$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(1.9917)$$

$$x = 0.9811$$

$$(viii) \frac{(438)^3 \sqrt{0.056}}{(388)^4}$$

$$\text{Sol: Let } x = \frac{(438)^3 \sqrt{0.056}}{(388)^4}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log x = \log \left( \frac{(438)^3 \sqrt{0.056}}{(388)^4} \right)$$

$$= \log(438)^3 + \log(0.056)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log(388)^4$$

$$= 3 \log(438) + \frac{1}{2} \log(0.056) - 4 \log(388)$$

$$= 3(2.6415) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{2}.7482) - 4(2.5888)$$

$$= 7.9245 + \frac{1}{2}(-2 + 0.7482) - 10.3552$$

$$= 7.9245 + \frac{1}{2}(-1.2518) - 10.3552$$

$$= 7.9245 - 0.6259 - 10.3552$$

$$\log x = -3.0566$$

Adding and subtracting 4 on R.H.S

$$\log x = -4 + 4 - 3.0566$$

$$\log x = \bar{4} + (4 - 3.0566)$$

$$\log x = \bar{4} + (0.9434)$$

$$\log x = \bar{4}.9434$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$x = \text{Antilog}(\bar{4}.9434)$$

(Here  $\text{Antilog}(0.9434) = 8.778$  but Ch.  $\bar{4}$  indicates that point will move four digits to left side)

$$x = 0.0008778$$

**Q#2) A gas is expanding according to the law  $pv^n = C$ . Find  $C$ , when  $p = 80$ ,  $v = 3.1$  and  $n = \frac{5}{4}$ .**

$$\text{Sol: } pv^n = C$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log(pv^n) = \log C$$

$$\log C = \log p + \log v^n$$

$$\log C = \log p + n \log v$$

Putting values

$$\log C = \log 80 + \frac{5}{4} \log 3.1$$

$$\log C = 1.9030 + \frac{5}{4}(0.4914)$$

$$\log C = 1.9030 + 0.6143$$

$$\log C = 2.5173$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$C = \text{Antilog}(2.5173)$$

$$C = 329.2$$

**Q#3) The formula  $p = 90 (5)^{-\frac{q}{10}}$  applies to the demand of a product, where  $q$  is the number of units and  $p$  is the price of one unit. How many units will be demanded if the price is Rs. 18.00?**

$$\text{Sol: } p = 90 (5)^{-\frac{q}{10}}$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log(p) = \log(90 (5)^{-\frac{q}{10}})$$

$$\log p = \log 90 + \log((5)^{-\frac{q}{10}})$$

$$\log p = \log 90 - \frac{q}{10} \log 5$$

Putting values

$$\log 18 = \log 90 - \frac{q}{10} \log 5$$

$$1.2553 = 1.9542 - \frac{q}{10}(0.6990)$$

$$1.2553 - 1.9542 = -\frac{q}{10}(0.6990)$$

$$-0.6990 = -\frac{q}{10}(0.6990)$$

$$1 = \frac{q}{10}$$

$$q = 10 \text{ units}$$

**Q#4) If  $A = \pi r^2$ , find  $A$ , when  $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$  and  $r = 15$**

$$\text{Sol: } A = \pi r^2$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log(A) = \log(\pi r^2)$$

$$\log(A) = \log\left(\frac{22r^2}{7}\right)$$

$$\log A = \log 22 + \log(r)^2 - \log 7$$

$$\log A = \log 22 + 2 \log r - \log 7$$

Putting values

$$\log A = \log 22 + 2 \log 15 - \log 7$$

$$\log A = 1.3424 + 2(1.1761) - 0.8451$$

$$\log A = 1.3424 + 2.3522 - 0.8451$$

$$\log A = 2.8495$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$A = \text{Antilog}(2.8495)$$

$$A = 707.1 \text{ Sq. units}$$

Q#5) If  $A = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ , find  $A$ , when  $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$ ,  $r = 2.5$  and  $h = 4.2$

Sol:  $A = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log(A) = \log\left(\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h\right)$$

$$\log(A) = \log\left(\frac{22r^2 h}{21}\right)$$

$$\log A = \log 22 + \log(r)^2 + \log h - \log 21$$

$$\log A = \log 22 + 2 \log r + \log h - \log 21$$

Putting values

$$\log A = \log 22 + 2 \log 2.5 + \log 4.2 - \log 21$$

$$\log A = 1.3424 + 2(0.3979) + 0.6232 - 1.3222$$

$$\log A = 1.3424 + 0.7958 + 0.6232 - 1.3222$$

$$\log A = 1.4392$$

Taking anti-log on both side, we have

$$A = \text{Antilog}(1.4392)$$

$$A = 27.49 \text{ cubic units}$$

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